observations about the question papers are expressed in the media also.

(e) Some of the major initiatives undertaken by the CBSE on the examinations are as follows:-

1. Development of designs and blueprints for preparing balanced Question papers.
2. Development and use of Marking Schemes for reducing subjectivity and inter-examiner variability in evaluation of answer scripts.
3. Publication of Sample question papers and Marking Schemes.
4. Introduction of multiple sets of Question papers for reducing chances of malpractices in the examination halls.
5. Introduction of 9-point scale grading system along with numerical score.
6. Introduction of Comprehensive and Continuous School Based Evaluation.
7. Fifteen minutes additional time during the examination to read the question paper and plan strategies for writing answers.
8. Allocation of twenty marks to School Based Evaluation in Social Science in class X Board Examinations, 2006.

Ineffectiveness of mid-day meal scheme

†2157. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite providing mid-day meal in Government schools in the country, this scheme has not been proving effective in retaining the children in the schools;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures being taken to improve the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Under the revised Mid-Day Meal Scheme, effective from September, 2004,

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

cooked food of minimum 300 calories with 8-12 grams of protein is being provided as nutritional support to children studying at Primary stage in Government, Government aided, Local body schools and EGS/AIE centres in the country. Cooked food is being given even during summer vacation in drought affected areas. There are reports of positive impact of the scheme on enrolment and attendance of children.

States are being constantly exhorted to make all possible efforts to ensure mid-day meal of proper hygiene and nutrition.

IIMs in other countries

2158. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to allow Indian Institute of Management to be set up in other countries; and

(b) whether the IIMs in the country have been asked by his Ministry to come up with the common vision document?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) are governed by their respective Memorandum of Association (MOA). At present the MOAs of IIMs do not empower them to establish campuses abroad. The institutes will have to suitable amend their MOAs, as per prescribed procedure, before taking further action to establish overseas campus.

(b) Government have advised IIMs that it would be useful to have a Common Vision document outlining the programme of all IIMs for the 11th Five Year Plan.

Monitoring of SSA

2159. SHRI RUDRANARAYAN PANY:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has put in place a mechanism